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1. In September 1950, the barracks installation located at the southwestern border of Liegnitz (O 52/B 82) was occupied by Soviet tank troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Nine tanks, probably T-34's, and truck                      were seen from the gate of the installation, which appeared to be heavily occupied. Detailed observations were not possible.

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2. Entire districts in the western sector of Liegnitz were evacuated by the civilian population and occupied by the Soviets. The districts had been occupied prior to the spring of 1948, were then released and reoccupied in the summer of 1950. The approaches to these districts were blocked and many high-ranking officers were seen in the vicinity. (1)

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3. A convoy of 27 trucks, the drivers of which wore red-bordered black epaulets, entered Liegnitz on 27 September 1950, coming from Breslau (P 52/C 41).

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4. No Soviet combat units were stationed in Warsaw, Modlin (R 53/K 71), Poznan (P 53/X 26), or Torun (Q 54/J 39) in September 1950.                      Soviet and Polish Units trained at the Biedrusko (P 53/X 27) troop training grounds. (3)

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5.                      Soviet and Polish tank units were stationed in Oppeln (P 51/J 17). (4)

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                     Comments.

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- (1) Soviet infantry and artillery units were reportedly stationed in Liegnitz in late October 1948.                      an army headquarters, a tank and an infantry regiment of the Soviet Occupation Army were stationed in Liegnitz in June 1950.

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Additional districts in the town were occupied by the Soviets in the summer of 1950. All these data do not yet present a clear picture of the Soviet troops stationed in the Liegnitz area. A high-echelon headquarters, perhaps an army headquarters, is located in Liegnitz.                      It is believed that the 20th Tank Div,

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- elements of which were observed in the Oppeln-Brieg and the Neuhammer areas, is assigned to this headquarters. [REDACTED]
- 25X1 The possibility should not be excluded that tank units of this division have, in the meantime, been transferred to Liegnitz. It remains to be seen whether the renewed occupation of town districts previously released is connected with troop shipments reportedly proceeding in the direction of Liegnitz from the Przemyśl area in September 1950. [REDACTED]
- 25X1 (2) [REDACTED]
- 25X1 (3) A Soviet headquarters for supply installations was located in Warsaw-Praga in December 1948. [REDACTED] a signal communication headquarters consisting of 20 officers and 15 EM in the city in January 1949. The present report indicates that no Soviet combat troops were stationed in Warsaw in September 1950. However, it is possible that Soviet liaison staffs and supply agencies were located in Warsaw at that time. The statement that no Soviet troops were located in Modlin or Torun agrees with previous information. Soviet troops were last observed in Poznan in late March 1948. According to another report of late October 1948, military telephone and telegraph lines were operated by the Soviets between Siedlce (R 53/L 88) and Poznan via Warsaw and between Poznan and Danzig. The presence of Soviet troops at the Biedrusko maneuver area is believed doubtful.
- 25X1 (4) Soviet troops, including tank units, were observed in Oppeln in late September 1948. As mentioned in [REDACTED] Comment (2), elements of the 20th Tank Div, including the divisions headquarters, were located in Oppeln. The present report supports that information. Polish troops are also stationed in Oppeln, which is one of the few military posts which are occupied by both Polish and Soviet units.

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